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1. FOLLOWING DEPARTURE OF YUGOSLAV FONMIN MINIC AUG 21 (REFTEL), YUGOSLAV COUNSELOR RADIVOYEVICH AUG 22 GAVE EMBOFF GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF YUGOSLAVIA'S CURRENT CYPRUS POLICY ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

A. YUGOSLAVIA DOES NOT WISH TOBE MEDIATOR OR EVEN TO OFFER ITS GOOD OFFICES IN SETTLING DISPUTE, SINCE LARGER POWERS ARE ALREADY PREPARED TO DO SO; HOWEVER, IT WISHES TO BE HELPFUL IN ANY WAY IT CAN TO IMPROVE CHANCES OF REACHING SETTLEMENT. IT IS MOTIVATED BY CONCERN OVER DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN ITS OWN REGION CONFIDENTIAL

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AND AMONG COUNTRIES WITH WHICH IT HAS FRIENDLY RELATIONS.

B. YUGOSLAVIA WANTS CYPRUS TO REMAIN INDEPENDENT AND NON-ALIGNED, SUPPORTS CONTINUATION OF EXISTING CONSTITUTIONAL ORDER, AND REGARDS MAKARIOS AS LEGITIMATE HEAD OF STATE UNDER THAT ORDER. IT SEEKS WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN TROOPS AND ISLAND'S COMPLETE DEMILITARIZATION (INCLUDING REMOVAL OF BRITISH BASES).

C. BEYOND THOSE BASIC AIMS, YUGOSLAVIA BELIEVES THAT NEGOTIATIONS AMONG PARTIES SHOULD BE STARTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND THAT TURKS SHOULD TAKE FLEXIBLE APPROACH. AS FEDERAL STATE, IT CAN SUPPORT FEDERAL SOLUTION AND MIGHT BE ABLE PROVIDE ADVICE ON MAKING FEDERAL SYSTEM WORKABLE.

2. LETTERS FROM PRES TITO CONTAINING POINTS IN SUBPARA B ABOVE WERE DELIVERED GREEK AND TURKISH HEADS OF STATE BY FONMIN MINIC DURING HIS RECENT VISITS, RADIVOYEVICH SAID. SIMILAR LETTER WAS TO HAVE BEEN GIVEN MAKARIOS BY YUGOSLAV EMBASSY IN LONDON AUG 21. IN CYPRUS, LETTERS WERE TO BE SENT ALSO TO ACTING PRES CLERIDES AND VICE PRES DENKTAS.

3. RADIVOYEVICH HAD LITTLE COMMENT ON MINIC'S VISIT IN ANKARA BEYOND

SAYING THAT MINIC WAS PLEASED THAT PRIMIN ECEVIT HAD SPENT MUCH MORE TIME WITH HIM THAN HE HAD ANTICIPATED ANDHAD GIVEN HIM LONG EXPLANATION OF TURKEY'S VIEWS.MINIC HAD URGED ECEVIT TO BE FLEXIBLE. RADIVOYEVICH SAID.

4.WHEN ASKED ABOUT AUG 22 VOA REPORT THAT GREECE HAD ANNOUNCED IT WANTED CYPRUS GUARANTEE BY FIVE SC PERMANENT MEMBERS PLUS PERHAPS YUGOSLAVIA, RADIVOYEVICH REPLIED DEADPAN THATYUGOSLAV TV TEAM IN ATHENS HAD SAME STORY.

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